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SUBJECT: GERMAN MIXED FEED INDUSTRY TO CHALLENGE
BRUSSELS ON NFDM MIXING REGULATION

- 1. ACCORDING TO A TRADE SOURCE, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE MAJOR GERMAN FEED PROCESSING ASSOCIATIONS HELD A MEETING IN FRANKFURT ON MARCH 14 TO PLAN A PROTEST ACTION AGAINST THE NEW EC NFDM MIXING REGULATION. AT THE MEETING WERE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FACHVERBAND DER FUTTERMITTELINDUSTRIE (LARGE FEED PRODUCERS), THE BUNDESVERBAND DER MISCHFUTTERHERSTELLER (SMALL AND MEDIUM FIRMS) AND THE RAIFFEISSENVERBAND(COOPERATIVES).
- 2. NOT ALL DETAILS OF THE PLANNED PROTEST ARE KNOWN. HOWEVER, THE GENERAL STRATEGY APPEARS TO BE AS FOLLOWS. WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, A MEMBER FIRM WILL ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE A QUANTITY OF IMPORTED PROTEIN MEAL, AT THE SAME TIME REFUSING TO PAY THE REQUIRED DEPOSIT. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WILL NOT PERMIT THE DELIVERY OF PRODUCT IN THE ABSENCE OF A CERTIFICATION FROM THE IMPORT AND STORAGE AGENCY FOR FATS THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE DEPOSIT HAS BEEN PAID. THEREUPON, THE MIXED FEED

PRODUCER WILL FILE A REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF THE PRODUCT WITH THE WEST GERMAN ADMINISTRATIVE COURT IN COLOGNE. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS COURT WILL DECLARE ITSELF NOT COMPETENT TO RULE ON THIS MATTER AND WILL REFER THE CASE TO THE EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE. AT THIS POINT, THE MIXED FEED COMPANY WILL FILE A SUIT AGAINST THE EC CONTESTING THE LEGAL VALIDITY OF THE NFDM MIXING REGULATION. IN THIS EFFORT, REPORTEDLY THE FIRM WILL BE SUPPORTED BY THE EUROPEAN FEED MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION.

3. WE WILL FORWARD FURTHER INFORMATION AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. HILLENBRAND

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